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Included: 7 pages of response
Petition for ext of time by three months
copy of German Pat. 100 62 310 C2

SIR:

In response to the official action dated 12/18/03 enclosed herewith is a petition for an extension of time by three months to respond to the Official action. The new due date for response is therefore 06/18/04.

Please amend the present application as indicated below under "Amendments to the claims".